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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/598,429  
Drooped Hook Device for Placing a Cannula in a Vein  
Carrez et al.  
Our Ref: MART0920US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above referenced patent application which was filed in accordance under 35 U.S.C. §371 is an Inventors' Declaration.

Please do not charge the deposit account of applicants' attorney for any additional fees unless absolutely necessary to keep the case alive. Applicant expects to file a preliminary amendment after which any further fees that are due will be paid. National stage large entity basic, search, and examination fees totaling \$900 were paid with the filing of the application in the Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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